



ILLINOIS YMCA SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Minutes

Conference Call
Sunday November 17th at 7:00 PM

Rome Yount, State Chair	Darby Brtva- Chicago, State Secretary	Rob Busby- Illini, State Treasurer
Dave Hedden, Town and Country, Group Rep	Becky Menso-Chicago, Area Officials' Chair	Dave Brtva- State Webmaster
Bob Peto-Town & Country	Tom Merlin- Chicago	Todd Mueller-Northwest
Paul Weil-Northwest	Lori Keller-Northwest	Sara Payne- Illini
Phil Donelson- Illini	Lori Seigel- Chicago	Brian Bickner- Northwest

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Quorum established
- 3) Officer Reports
 - a) Chairman
 - i) Fall minutes approved as presented
- 4) State Meet Changes Reviewed and Discussion
 - (1)Town & Country
 - (a) Thanked everyone for their time and effort and thought behind it
 - (b) Worried that the event limit is still too much, possible to swim 8 times in one day.
 - (2)Chicago
 - (a) Thanked everyone for their time and effort.
 - (b) Must splash at the District Championship to swim at State clarification
 - (c) Why are we not using the technical rules for entries across the board- could be a nightmare for entry chair and it takes the power away from the coaches to make decisions.
 - (d) The high School boys are at a disadvantage to qualify to state in the 200 of strokes and the 400 IM since they are only here for 2 months.
 - (3) Northwest
 - (a) Ok with going forward. Interested in seeing how it goes.
 - (b) Does the qualified swim need to be the ILSWYMS database- was it voted on?
 - (4) Illini
 - (a) Entry limit might be too much
 - (b) High School Boys are at a disadvantage
 - (c) Splash at District meet- national level swimmer will have a lot of racing; we are forcing them to race at districts.
 - (5)Other comments
 - (a) We are allowing High School times as qualifying times- what is the official requirement for a High School meet? If Y meets have to have so many- is it fair to use times from a less officiated meet?
 - We do not penalize our High School swimmers.
 - (6)Review of questions and answers



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- (a) High School boys and longer events qualifications?
Motioned- For this year only, for High School boys only, if you qualify in the 100 of the Stroke/200 IM, you may swim the 200 of the stroke/400 IM. If they do not have a qualifying time- they are entered at the Qualifying time.

Passed unanimously

- (b) Do we defer the Qualifying time period to the spring meeting?
Motioned- Tabled until the spring meeting.

Passed unanimously

- (c) The times will be submitted to the ILSWYMS database?
Decided that it will be an administration rule, not a State by-law.

- (d) Must a swimmer Splash at District meet?
Motioned- Swimmers do not have to splash at the district meet.
No Second was made
Motion fails

- (e) Event Limitations.

- (i) Motioned- Remove entries limits and follow the USA Technical rules.
Second was made.

Questions/discussion

- There meet limits on the YMCA National Meet of 4 individuals
- If we went to USA technical rules, 10 & under and 8 & under could swim every event in their age group.
- The thought was to avoid seeing the same 8 swimmers in the final heat.
- We voted on this last meeting and it was 9 to 3 to accept current limits.

Called to Vote- 4 for, 9 against.
Motion failed

- (ii) Motioned- To Change the entry limit for all age groups, no swimmer may swim more than four Individual events for the meet with no limit to the relays.

Second was made

Questions/Discussion

- What was last year standard? For one day 3 individuals, 4 max
- Reasoning behind this proposal- swimmers will be over racing for several weeks. We would be doing the swimmers a favor by allowing them to focus one just the for events
- The thought was the meet was supposed to be swimmer/coach driven. Let the coach and swimmer decide how many events they can handle. If it really is such a issue- move the relays all to timed finals.
- Compromise at 5 total individual events

Friendly Amendment- to change it to 5 individuals.
Seconded



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- By doing this we will protect the athlete.
- Does this refer to item 11 A-D? Yes
- We keep hearing "National" Swimmer, what about the swimmer that this is their do all, end all meet. This is their chance to shine, let them have it. Again it is swimmer/coach driven decisions.

Call Vote- 7 no, 5 yes
Motion Fails

Clarification- Are we leaving item 11 as written?

- Yes

5) Voting on the new Format of the State meet

With the addition of the Boys longer event qualifications added do we accept the new format for the State swim meet?

Called to vote- passed unanimously

6) Comments-

Rome- To everyone – thank-you for your patience and participation in what as been long time consuming affair. We will learn a lot this March.

7) New Business

- a) We currently do not have an official position for what Dave Brtva does for us in our by-laws. We need one.
- b) Dave is appointed as acting "Records administrator and Web maintainer"
- c) We will officially come up with a title and if it is a position that is either appointed or voted on at the spring meeting.

8) Bids for the 2015 State meet

- a) We currently do not have any bids
- b) We can look at hosting it as a state committee.
- c) Let's wait until the spring meeting to see what happens at this year's State meet.

9) Spring meeting is to be the 1st Sunday in May

- a) May 4th
- b) Chicago District is to host
- c) 9:00 AM start time

10) Adjournment at 8:40 PM